GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RECOVERY OF THURAYA SATELLITE PHONE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Thuraya satellite phone recovered from terrorists during encounter in Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether terrorists are bringing Thuraya satellite phone from Pakistan to India very easily; and

(d) if so, the efforts made by the Government to check such activities and the outcome thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): In an encounter with three terrorists in Delhi on 5th March, 2005, one Thuraya Satellite/GSM phone was recovered.

(c): There have been instances when terrorists have used Thuraya sets in Jammu & Kashmir.

(d): In order to curb such activities, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipment for security forces both at the Centre and in the States.